

TWO PROPHETIC WARS – PART III

This final installment will look at God's judgment on Gog. We will see the hand of the Lord at work in achieving His purposes. It will be a time of revelation to the nations, as they see God's will come to pass, despite the plans of man.

The Fury of The Lord !

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know *it*? Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes....And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel,” says the Lord GOD, “*that* My fury will show in My face. For in My jealousy *and* in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: ‘Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who *are* on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.’ I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains,” says the Lord GOD. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who *are* with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I *am* the LORD.” (Ezekiel 38:14-16, 18-23)

God is a God of history! He harnesses the purposes of men, the nations and historical forces to achieve His purposes. Last week we saw how in the last days a confederation of Muslim nations, led by Iran and either Russia or Turkey will come against God’s people. This will come at a time when Israel is living in peace, confident of its security, having just defeated another coalition that includes the Palestinians, Syria, Jordan, and likely Egypt. These second invaders swarm into Israel from the north, - so numerous that they are **“like a cloud to cover the land”**. They come confident of victory. Other world powers react with lame protest. The invaders are acting in defiance of God; but in fact are accomplishing God’s purposes. In Ezekiel 38:16 God reveals that **“I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know me”**. Two verses later God promises that this invasion will only cause His **“hot anger [to] be aroused”**. God is bringing His promises to fulfillment for one reason alone: **“For My holy name’s sake”**. (Ezek.36:22) In Ezek. 36:23, He states His purpose: **“I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord.”**

In Ezekiel 38, quoted above we see the outlines of God’s righteous judgment. Verse 19 tells of a great earthquake in Israel, whose aftershocks may be felt around the globe. Whatever the form, God’s judgment will cause the invading armies to fight among themselves. Next, Ezekiel describes a scene of pestilence, bloodshed, flood hailstones, fire and brimstone. Some see this as referring to the affects of a nuclear attack.¹ Ezekiel 39:3 goes on. **“Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrow to fall out of your right hand.”** Missler and Lindsey believe

this passage could just be Ezekiel's attempt to describe missiles and launchers in ancient terms. In any case the invading forces are disarmed. The affect of God's fury on the invaders is complete destruction. Ezekiel 39:4-5 gives the scene. **"You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. You shall fall on the open field: for I have spoken," says the Lord God.**"

So the armies of Magog, (Russia) and her allies are destroyed in the invasion. And then there is this: **"And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the Lord"**. (Ezekiel 39:6) The passage seems to be saying that Magog (Russia) itself will be the subject of catastrophic attack. But to what does **"the coastlands"** refer? The King James translation perhaps sheds some light on the matter. **"And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles"**. Commentators believe that the terms "isles" should be seen as continents. "Dwell carelessly", is an interesting phrase, in that it suggests perhaps a neutral people, - unconcerned with the invasion of Israel. Remember **"Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions"** (Ezek. 38:13)! We saw how that passage spoke of Saudi Arabia and perhaps the English speaking nations of the US, Canada and Australia, or possibly Western Europe. When the invasion comes, these may be the countries that merely protest, - anxious to maintain the false peace and their 'careless' lifestyle. Lindsey and Missler think that that Ezekiel may be describing an **"intercontinental nuclear exchange"**.² Yet through this time of horrible war, God's purposes are fulfilled. **"So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel...Then the nations shall know that I am the Lord"**. (Ezekiel 39:7)

The verses following in Ezekiel 39 describe an amazing scene. The language of this ancient prophecy is technologically precise in describing what follows. Verses 9-11 describe how the victorious Israelis will use the captured equipment of the invaders, as fuel for seven years. Lindsey and Missler rely on official US Government documents to point out that 7-years is the very shelf life of current soviet nuclear technology.³ Verse 11, goes on to tell us that the burial ground will be off-limits to travelers. Nuclear contamination, perhaps? The chapter then describes a seven month long time of burial, followed by the use of what can only be seen as a professional force to deal with the radioactive material. **"They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it....and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, until buriers have buried it"**. (Ezek. 39: 14-15) Again, Lindsey and Missler point out that this is "remarkably consistent" with current Department of Defense procedures.⁴

When will these things come to pass? As with all prophecy yet to be fulfilled, there is some controversy with the timing. Some scholars are of the school that holds that the Gog-Magog War will precede and set up the rule of Antichrist. Jennifer Rast of Contender Ministries, states categorically that the invasion "...will pave the way for the Antichrist's military rule....With Islam defeated," [in the first war against Syria], "and the church raptured", a power vacuum would exist that would pave the way for the ascendance of the "man of sin".⁵ While Missler, Grant Jeffries and Chuck Smith, consider this theory a possibility, the common view, supported by Lindsey's Late Great Planet Earth,⁶ is that these events are part of the "sequence of events which climax in" Armageddon. Though Man cannot be certain of the timing, God has declared the event. **"Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord God. This is the day of which I have spoken"**. (Ezekiel 39:8)

THE TWO STATE PARADOX

All the world is in on it; - the 'it' being the attempt to divide the Holy Land and even Jerusalem itself. Israel itself along with the US, the EU, Russia, the UN and even the Vatican are cooperating in the attempt to set up a Palestinian State to exist, - as it were, - side by side with Israel in the Land that God gave to the Jews. It is mankind's great plan for bringing peace to the Middle East. But there are a few problems with that. For one, God used the Prophet Zechariah to speak to this very circumstance. **“And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”** (Zechariah 12:3) Secondly, the Palestinians do not want a 2-state solution. For them it is but the means to their ultimate ends; - the eradication of Israel itself. The Palestinian people have signaled their approval of this goal. When given the chance, they elected the openly hostile terror group to power. But even the supposedly “moderate” Fatah subtly expresses the same message. They have just issued a new poster that portrays all of Israel as part of a new Palestinian State. A rifle and a Palestinian scarf is featured in the picture to depict the fact that “Fatah like Hamas does not recognize Israel's existence”. It is a clear call for armed resistance against the Jews, - despite what any temporary treaty might say.⁷ And just to make sure that Fatah doesn't take that whole moderate thing too far, Hamas has been discovered setting a military presence in areas under Fatah control and vowing seize Judea and Samaria if those areas are turned over to Abbas' Fatah group as part of a Middle East Settlement.⁸

In examining the situation, Hal Lindsey believes that the best Israel could expect out of any deal with the Palestinians is a hudna, - which is traditionally a seven to ten year treaty of peace. Here's Lindsey's explanation; the purpose of a hudna is not peace but a temporary truce, which can be used by the followers of Allah to “prepare for the resumption of hostilities”. And according to Islamic teaching, it can be broken at any time to forward the cause of Islam. Daniel writes of a 7-year treaty, confirmed by the Antichrist and broken after three-and-one-half years. And Israel, must be assumed, is going in to this whole thing with its eyes opened. It is acquiescing in the plan to set up a terror state dedicated to Israel's destruction. But why?⁹

It is curious that the two countries with the most to lose from an Islamic / terror victory, - the US & Israel seem to be pushing hardest for the creation of Palestine. But there may be an explanation. Ariel Sharon, Israel's last Prime Minister, laid out the plan, what Lindsey calls: Peace by separation. What the Israelis and the Americans are working toward is a solution that would isolate the Palestinian community in their own lands. Making Palestine its own country would make it infinitely easier to deal with terror strikes launched against Israel itself. The Palestinian government would become 'responsible' for the actions of its citizens. And just as Israel has threatened to attack Damascus should attacks be launched from Syrian territory, - the Palestinian country would be responsible for attacks launched from its territory. The IDF would not be chasing down individual terrorists but could launch retaliatory attacks against government and military targets. Here's Lindsey again. “Put a border around 'Palestine' and it becomes a bulls-eye”.

Now both Isaiah and Obadiah address the fate of the so-called Palestinian people. Obadiah warns us that **“there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau”** (Obadiah 1:18) Isaiah writes of a **“great slaughter in the land of Edom”** in **“the year of recompense for the cause of Zion”**. Of the new state the prophet warns: **“They shall call its nobles to the kingdom, But none shall be there, and all its princes shall be nothing”** (Isaiah 34: 6, 8, 12) Then there is this: Back in 2002, Baruch Kimmering, an Israeli professor at Hebrew University accused then PM Sharon of separating what would be about 99% of Palestinians from the Jewish population in order to carry out ethnic cleansing against them.¹⁰ The fact is that since the autumn of 2000, the IDF has been in the process of physically separating

Arab and Jew. In 2001 they began encircling Palestinian towns with trenches.¹¹ David Bay of Cutting Edge Ministries points out that it has long been part of the revealed Illuminati plan to first make peace through the creation of a Palestinian State. That is to be followed by an attack on Israel from the new Palestine which will result in the annihilation of the Palestinian people. In fact, Israel has been preparing for that very war, - against the Palestinians, Syrians and Egyptians, - since the early 1990's. While I don't know for sure if that's the plan...we do know that is what will happen...for so say the Scriptures.

CHAOS DESCENDETH

As this newsletter goes to press, it has just been learned that two-time former Prime Minister and leader of the opposition to current leader General Pervez Musharraf, Benazir Bhutto has been killed by a suicide attacker while leaving a political rally. Bhutto was shot in the neck and chest with an AK-47 by an assassin who then blew himself up killing 20 others in the surrounding crowd. Bhutto earned the reputation of being pro-Western and pro-democracy. She did however, in the past, make arrangements with the Taliban inspired opposition.

The big danger of course, lies in the fact that Pakistan is an Islamic state with a rather large and bona fide nuclear arsenal. Should that arsenal fall into the hands of the Islamist faction, there would be great danger to the stability of the entire region. Talk of unrest and civil war was immediately in the air after the assassination, with crowds taking to the streets; chanting "Killer, killer, Musharraf".^{12 13} Bhutto had recently come out for strong action against al-Qaeda and the radical Muslim opposition.¹⁴

YADAS

- **NEW ROME** – The European Union added 9 nations to their passport free travel zone. The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland & Slovakia were among the countries that joined the 15 EU nations enjoying that privilege.¹⁵ Polls show that the EU is being increasingly perceived as rival to the US, and a global player on the world stage.¹⁶
- **WHAT FAMILY VALUES** – Recent surveys revealed that over half the babies born in Britain this last year were "born out of marriage". With the immigrant Indian and Pakistani births occurring within the family structure, the rate of illegitimacy among the ethnically-British population is even greater.¹⁷
- **OUR BRAVE NEW WORLD** – Scientists are on the threshold of creating life forms from "completely artificial DNA". Life forms that have never existed before are already "under construction". The danger lies in the increased ability to make super-bio-weapons and "virulent pathogens".¹⁸
- **IMAGE OF THE BEAST TECHNOLOGY** – Prince Charles will be making a virtual appearance at the World Future Energy Summit without ever leaving home. Technicians will project a three-dimensional, holographic image using something called ghosting. Al Gore made a similar appearance at Wembley for Live Earth.¹⁹
- **CAN'T SAY THAT** – A Catholic activist was fined \$17,500 and prohibited from passing out pamphlets that denounced the "gay lifestyle" as "immoral and dangerous" by a Canadian Court, which ruled those limitations as being a reasonable limitation of his freedom of religion and expression. Four gays had charged that his actions had "injured" their "feelings" and "self-respect".²⁰

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